

# OBITUARIES

## Janet M. Cummins

Janet M. Cummins (née Wagner), age 49, passed away at her Grand Island home on Friday May 8, 2020. She was born on Oct. 11, 1970, to the late John C. Wagner and the late JoAnne Wagner (Finch).

Janet grew up in Warsaw and pursued advanced nursing degrees following graduation. She was very passionate about her health care career and particularly enjoyed working with developmentally disabled individuals. Janet was also an avid animal lover who spent her free time caring for her own rescue pets and those of others. She often expressed her generosity and kindness through

cooking, as she could frequently be found preparing meals for friends and neighbors.

In addition to her parents, Janet is predeceased by her half-sister, Jody R. Webster. Janet is survived by her daughter, Laura E. Cummins; her sister, Joyce A. Wagner; and half-brother, David C. Webster.

Immediate services will be held virtually due to current conditions. In lieu of flowers, family asks that donations be made to the SPCA Serving Erie County or a local animal sheltering organization of your choice.

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## Daniel D. Mezhir

Daniel D. Mezhir, age 70, of Niagara Falls entered into rest on Thursday, April 23, 2020, after a brief illness.

He was born in Niagara Falls on June 11, 1949, the son of the late James and Viola (Trunzo); and stepson of the late Samuel Torcasio.

Daniel graduated from Bishop Duffy High School in 1967. After graduating from Niagara County Community College in 1969, Daniel honorably served with the United States Army Reserve until 1975. He then worked as a security officer at Niagara County Community College for 25 years. Above all, Daniel had a special love and admiration for his nieces and nephews, who will miss him dearly.

Daniel is survived by his brother, James A. Mezhir of Lewiston; sister-in-law Patricia Mezhir of Niagara Falls; nephews John (Jennifer) of Grand Island, Timothy and Daniel of Niagara Falls; niece Brittany of Niagara Falls; great-nieces Malinee, Anjali and Kate; great-nephews Jack and Max; one aunt, Rosemary Mezhir Minicucci; and his loving cousins. Daniel was predeceased



by his nephew, Dr. James (Elizabeth) Mezhir.

Due to recent circumstances, interment in Gate of Heaven Cemetery will be held private for the family. A public memorial service will be announced at a later date. In Daniel's memory, memorial offerings may be made to the Niagara County Community College Foundation or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Arrangements by M.J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel. Visit [mjcoluccifuneralchapel.com](http://mjcoluccifuneralchapel.com) for online condolences.

## Jeanne Emily Anstett

Jeanne Emily Anstett (née Verville) of Grand Island entered into rest May 10, 2020.

She was the wife of Wayne Anstett; mother of John Anstett, Susan (Peter Jr.) Marston, Michael (Kristen) and the late David (survived by wife Lynn) Anstett. She was grandmother of Jordan, Drew, Dylan, Peter III, Kayla,

Joshua, Christopher and Allison; and great-grandmother of Jenna, Hailey, Cash, Brooklyn and Levi. She was the sister of Paul (Kim) and Richard (Lourie) Verville and the late Elaine Wiswell, and sister-in-law of Katherine Anstett. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.


A memorial Mass will be held

at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Grand Island Golden Age Center.

Mrs. Anstett was a crossing guard on Grand Island for 35 years. She was a member of the Queen City Jazz Society, Garden Club, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and Home Bureau.

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## Elisabeth "Liesl" Ochs

Elisabeth "Liesl" Ochs (née Stinner), of Grand Island, returned to her Lord on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

She was the beloved wife of 51 years to Henry Ochs. She is survived by her brother, Theodore (Martha) Stinner; sons Chris-

topher (Brittany) and Michael (Kristin); two grandchildren she adored, Mason and Clara; and the daughter she always wanted, Elizabeth (Kenneth) O'Connor. Liesl is also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends whom she loved

dearly. Services were held privately at Whitehaven Cemetery. If desired, donations may be in made in Elisabeth's honor to Hospice Buffalo.

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## Cuomo calls on NYers to wear masks out of respect for nurses, doctors

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo on May 12 urged New Yorkers to wear their masks in public out of respect for

the nurses and doctors who are fighting to save lives and for the essential workers who continue show-

ing up to work amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"When you wear a mask, you say, 'I respect you.' That's what the mask says to everyone you walk past," Cuomo said. "I respect your health, I respect your privacy, I respect your space, I respect you. I can do anything I want with myself. This is America. But I respect you. And out of respect for you, I wear this mask."

"This mask says I respect the nurses and the doctors who killed themselves through this virus to save other people. And I respect the nurses and the doctors, so I'm not going to infect anyone, or allow anyone else to be infected unnecessarily so I don't cause more stress on the nurses and the doctors."

"This mask says, I respect the essential workers who get up every day, and drive the bus, or drive the train, or deliver the food, or keep the lights on so that I can stay home and I can stay safe. It says I respect others. And I respect you. And that is a statement that we should all be willing to make any day. But especially in the middle of this."

Yes, I want individuals to be informed so they make the right decision, but it's about us at the end of the day, right? It's a mindset that says it's not about me, it's about we. And we have reciprocal responsibilities, and a collective and a mutuality that says, I'm going to respect you, and help you, and you're going to help me, and respect me. That's how your battle community spread, with community unity. That's what the mask says."

### Grand Island

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Evangelical Lutheran Church In America  
1453 Staley Road, Church Office 773-4400  
Child Care Center 773-9249  
The Rev. Kris Bjerke-Ulliman, Pastor  
[www.StTimothygrandisland.com](http://www.StTimothygrandisland.com)

Sunday Worship.....8:00am & 10:30am  
Sunday Church School  
Children Ages 2 Years - Grade 6 .....10:30am  
Professional Child Care provided during the 10:30 service  
Holy Communion All Services  
Day Care Ministry Operates Monday-Friday 6:00am - 6:00pm

#### BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1650 Love Road (Just off Beaver Island Pkwy.)  
773-7303  
Pastor: Rev. Kevin M. Backus, Ph. D.  
Assistant Pastor: Rev. Andrew R. Wann, M. Div.  
[www.biblepres.org](http://www.biblepres.org)

Sunday School-Classes for all ages .....9:30am  
Worship Service ..... 10:45am  
(Nursery, Children's Church)  
Evening Worship Service..... 6:00pm  
Wednesday AWANA - 3 yrs old thru Gr 8 during school year..... 6:30pm-8:15pm  
24/7 program for Sr. High youth.6:30pm-8:15pm  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting..... 7:00pm

#### BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

1136 Baseline Road • 773-3748  
Rev. Calvin VanderMey  
[www.bfcgi.org](http://www.bfcgi.org)

Regular Service at Bible Fellowship.....8:30 & 10:15am  
Youth Group ages 8 & up - Mondays..6:30-8:00pm  
Adult Prayer & Bible Study - Tuesdays .....6:30pm  
Adult Bible Study - Fridays .....7:00pm

#### CORNERSTONE CHURCH

1290 Whitehaven Road • 773-1004  
[cornerstonechurch.life](http://cornerstonechurch.life)

Join us Sundays at 9:00am and 10:30am  
Worship Service  
Discovery Island Children's Ministry  
RockStars (Special Needs) and Nursery

Middle School Youth Group.....Thur 6:00pm  
High School Youth Group.....Mon 6:30pm  
Kids Club (K-5th during school year).....Wed 6:30pm  
MOLO (Moms of Little Ones during school year) .... Wed 9:15am

Find more info on ministries for all age groups at  
[Cornerstonechurch.life](http://Cornerstonechurch.life)



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2920 Grand Island Blvd. • 716-229-8000  
Pastor: Michael Chorey  
[CrossRiverMinistries.org](http://CrossRiverMinistries.org)

Sunday Morning Worship Service..... 10:00am  
(Nursery & Children's Church Provided)  
Revolution Youth Rally for Teens (Grades 7-12) ..... 6:30pm  
Wednesday Services  
Prayer Meeting..... 6-7:00pm  
Worship and Bible Study ..... 7-8:15pm  
Kid's Bible Club (Ages 5-11) ..... 7-8:15pm

#### TRINITY CHURCH

"Welcome Home"  
2100 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY  
[www.TrinityGrandIsland.org](http://www.TrinityGrandIsland.org) • 716-773-3322  
Pastor: Kevin Slough

Join us in Worship  
Traditional Worship ..... 8:00am  
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